SUBJECT No. 170.

Reduction of fines on impounded cattle in the malnad.

Mr. Malali Venkatramiah, Manjarabad Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The sale of impounded cattle does not often fetch the amount of the fine and the feeding charges. The present heavy rates of fine in the malnad may be reduced to the rates prevailing in the other parts of the State.

The rates of fine in the cattle-pounds at Saklespur are the same as those prevailing in pounds in the coffee estates. As this is a municipality, the rates prevailing in other municipalities may be ordered to be levied.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under correspondence.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Village accounts for Municipal Funds.

Mr. Sreenivas Sitaram Kulkarni, Harihar Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The subject of doing away with unnecessary accounts relating to lands in municipal towns and of allowing stationery allowances to shanbhogs was brought forward last year, when the Government replied that the matter was under consideration. Early orders are solicited.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under correspondence and its disposal will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Rooting out lantana.

Messrs. Malali Venkatramiah, Manjarabad Taluk; Subba Setti, Hassan Taluk; Nadig Lakshman Rao, Bhaskara Rao, Sorab Taluk; and Agali Venkatramiah, Sira Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Early orders are prayed for concerning the destruction of lantana which is causing great hardship by its abundant growth. Raiyats may be prohibited from planting it for hedges, etc. Government should arrange to remove lantana growing on sircar lands and direct raiyats to remove it from their holdings.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under correspondence and will be considered. A committee composed of the Conservator of Forests, the Revenue Commissioner and one or two Deputy Commissioners will be formed and the question referred to them for report.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Entertainment of an outdoor subordinate to supervise District Fund, Local Funds General and Municipal works.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao, Pavagada Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Many works have to be carried out every year in the Local Fund and Municipal Departments by the taluk revenue authorities, but the Sanitary Inspectors are placed under the District Medical and Sanitary Officer stationed at the district head-quarters, while the works themselves lie in the taluks. Tank inspectors have their own work to do and the former work-inspectors have been absorbed in the clerical staff. There is thus no one in the taluks to prepare estimates and carry out works under the direct orders of the President or the Vice-President of the various Boards. An additional official is therefore indispensable.

Reply of Government.—The question of placing the Sanitary and Assistant Sanitary Inspectors in direct subordination to the Presidents and Vice-Presidents of Municipal and District Boards is under consideration and will be soon disposed of.